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*An Epistle to all People upon the Earth
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people called Quakers hold concerning
God, Christ, &c.*

ALl what is written of in the Law, the Prophets and the Gospel in the new Testament, and before the Law concerning God, Christ, and his Birth, and Miracles, and Sufferings, and his Resurrection, we own; and all the Promises, as the first Promise, the Seed of the Woman shall bruise the Serpents head, which is Christ Jesus; and how that he through death destroyed Death, and the power of Death, the Devil; and how that Christ being the Priest made higher then the Heavens, after the order of Melchisedech, ends the Levitical Priesthood; and how that he by one offering offered himself once for all, ends all the Jews Offerings that were typical of him, (figures and shadows) and put down the Sacrifices; and Christ by his Blood which cleanseth from all sin, whose Blood was shed for all men, puts an end to the blood of Bulls and goats, which was to be offered and sprinkled upon the Jews, which Blood of Christ every one must feel sprinkling their Consciences from dead works to serve the Living God; and also Christs Righteousness, we own; who is the the Lord our Righteousness, by which self righteousness, mans righteousness, which is a filthy rag, is denied; and the righteousness of the Law among the Jews, the Righteousness of Christ ends; and people are to be saved by it; and not that people should live in their sins, and live in their own unrighteousness, nor in the righteousness of the works of the Law of the Jews; and not that People should profess Christ, and live in their own unrighteousness and sins, and die in them; for Christ came to take away sin, and to make an end of sin and filthy transgression; and every

one that professes Christ, and names his Name should depart from iniquity, and not live in it; for none can call him Lord but by the holy Ghost: then how can people call him Lord by the unclean spirit? and he that hath not the Spirit of Christ is none of his; and God so loved the World that he gave his only begotten son into the World, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life; and Christ is the Light of the World, and he doth enlighten every one that comes into the World, and saith, believe in the Light, that you may become children of the Light: and the Faith of Gods Elect we own, which purifies the heart and gives victory over the World, and access to God, without which none can please God, which faith justifieth and sanctifieth; and this Faith is the Gift of God: and Christ is our Hope which purifies as he is pure. And the holy Ghost we own according to the Scriptures, and there is three that bear record in Heaven, the Father, the Word and the Spirit, and these three are one; and there is three that bear record in the Earth, the Spirit, the Water, and the Blood, and these three agree in one; and Christ's Blood was shed for all men, and was the Offering not for our sins only, but for the sins of the whole World, who was crucified without the Gates at Jerusalem, and was a propitiation not for our sins only, but for the sins of the whole World; so we are bought with a price, 1 Cor. 6. 20. and we are to glorifie God with our bodies, souls, and our spirits, for they are Gods, 1 Cor. 7. 23. we are bought with a price, and so all is to mind the Truth in the inward part, the hidden map of the heart, which in the sight of God is of great price, 1 Pet. 1. 19. And we are not redeemed with corruptable things, as Silver and Gold from a vain conversation, but with the precious Blood of Christ, as of a Lamb without blemish, and without spot; and so Christ hath purchased his Church with his own Blood, to present it to God without spot or wrinkle; and so Christ is King, Prophet and Priest; and so God was in Christ reconciling the World unto himself: And Christ who was in the form of God thought it no robbery to be equal with God, but made himself of no reputation, but took upon him the form of a Servant, and was formed in fashion of a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto the death, even the death of the Cross, and therefore God hath highly exalted him, and given him a Name above every name, and there

there is no Salvation by any other name under the whole Heaven, but the Name of Christ Jesus. And so Christ Jesus died and rose again, *1 Thes. 4. 14.* and *5. 10.* Christ who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep we should live together with him, (who was dead and is alive, and lives for evermore) whose Garments he makes white with his Blood, *1 Cor. 15. 3.* how that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he rose the third day according to the Scriptures, *Rom. 6. 4.* In due time Christ died for the ungodly; and God hath set forth his Love towards us, that while we were yet Sinners Christ died for the ungodly, *Rom. 5. 8.* To this end Christ both died and revived, that he might be Lord both of quick and dead, *Rom. 8. 34.* It is Christ that died, ye rather that is risen again, who is also at the right hand of God making intercession for us.

And whereas many scandals have been cast upon us, as that we deny Christ above the Stars, Sun, Moon and Elements.

To this we say, all Power in Heaven and Earth is given to Christ; if all Power in Heaven and Earth [Mark] be given unto him, then he must needs be above the Sun, Moon and Elements, and yet he will dwell in his people; for he ascended far above all Heavens, that he might fill all things, *Ephes. 4. 10.*

The second false Accusation is that the Quakers denies God above the Elements, Sun, Moon and Stars.

Answer. God we own who is a Spirit, and to be worshipped in Spirit and Truth, and Heaven is his Throne, and Earth is his Foot-stool, and he fills Heaven and Earth, and the Heaven of Heavens is not able to contain him, and he upholds all things by his Word and Power, and is in all, through all, and above all, God blessed for ever; and so then he must needs be above the Sun, Moon, Stars and Elements which are the works of his hands, he being Maker and Creator of all things; and Christ who was with the Father before the World began, by whom all things were made and created, and this is the Word, and the Word was God, *John 1.* And so we do know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding to know him which is true, and we are in him that is true, that is in his Son Jesus Christ, this is the true God and Eternal

nat Life, *Ephes. 2. 16.* That Christ might reconcile both unto God in one body by the Blood, his Cross, and slay Enmity thereby; and so making of twain one new man, and so making peace: And so people ought to walk in love, as Christ hath loved us, and given himself for us, to be an Offering, and a Sacrifice, a sweet smelling savour to God: and so not another Gospel do we preach but the Gospel which is the Power of God unto Salvation to them that believe, *Rom. 1. 16.* and so through Christ Jesus we come to God out of old *Adam*, and in Christ we please God, and Christ is our Mediator, who makes peace between us and God; and he is the new Covenant, the Covenant of Light to the *Gentiles*, and in this Covenant of Light all is to walk, which brings them out of the old Covenant which vanisheth away, and through which Covenant we have peace with God in the Covenant of Light and Covenant of Life; and so Christ is our Rock, who is the Life which all must be built upon, and no other Foundation can any man lay, then what is laid already, Christ Jesus who is the Foundation of the Prophets and Apostles; and for this purpose was the Son of God made manifest to destroy the Devil (and his works) who led man from God; and so he is the Way to God to walk in, and as every one hath received Christ the Life, they must walk in him, and he is worthy of all honour and glory, who is the Lamb slain from the Foundation of the World: the Lamb must have the victory, Christ Jesus the *Emanuel*, God with us, the First begotten, full of Grace and Truth, whom all the Angels must worship; and as the Law came by *Moses*, so Grace and Truth came by Jesus Christ; and God will judge the World in Righteousness by the man Christ Jesus according to the Gospel which is the Power of God, who would have all men to be saved, and to come to the knowledge of the Truth, who desires not the death of a Sinner, but rather that he should repent; for this the Lord binds with an oath; As I live, saith the Lord, I desire not the death of a Sinner, but rather that he would repent and live, and often cries, Why will ye die? And whereas its said the Quakers hold forth Free-will, we answer, no, for God worketh in us both to will and to do according to his good pleasure; and we do know it is the Devil that worketh in people to will and to do that which dishonoureth God, *Hebr. 9. 14.* Christ offered himself through the Eternal Spirit without spot to God, and by his Blood purges our

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Conscience from dead works to serve the Living God: and will not people come to feel his Blood in their Conscience, and to come to eat his Flesh, and drink his Blood? and except they eat his Flesh, and drink his Blood they have no Life in him, and now God is writing his Law in peoples hearts, and putting it into their minds, by which all shall come to know the Lord from the greatest to the least, and shall not need to say to his Brother know the Lord, for the Knowledge of the Lord shall cover the Earth as waters cover the Sea: and so Christ is come to cleanse from sin, and to purge from sin, and to make an end of sin, and to destroy the Devil and his works, who bruises the Serpents head, and abolishes death, and brings in Life and Immortality to light through his Power the Gospel: So not that people should name Christs Name and live in iniquity, and live in unrighteousness and sin, and ungodliness; but they should live to Christ Jesus, and walk in him; for did Christ die for Sinners that they should live in sin? nay, but that they should be cleansed from sin, and their Garments made white in the Blood of the Lamb, and to come to be heirs of Christ and Salvation, and to sit down in the Heavenly places in Christ Jesus, and not sit down in the old *Adam*. And true belief, is it not to believe in the true Light, as Christ commands, and so to become Children of the Light, and of the Day, and not children of Darkness? and so he that believes is born of God, and he that is born of God overcomes the World, for greater is he that is in them, when he that is in the World; so the greater overcomes the less: and so he that believes passeth from Death to Life, and he that hates his Brother abideth in Death, and what kind of belief is that? and he that envies his Brother is a Manslayer, and no Manslayer hath Eternal Life abiding in him; and therefore Christ commands you Christians should love one another, and love Enemies, which was a mark they were Disciples of Christ; and he that saith he loveth God which he never saw, and hateth his brother which he hath seen, what saith the Scriptures of such a one? And he that saith he knoweth God and Christ, and keeps not his Commandments is a Liar, *1 John 2. 4.* but he that keeps his Word, in him is the Love of God perfect, which he that doth not keep the Word, the Love of God is not perfect in him; and so we know that Christ by one offering hath for ever perfected them

them that are Sanctified: and so all people to mind the Grace of
 God which brings Salvation, that hath appeared to all men, which
 teaches the Saints, and establishes their hearts, and seasons their
 words, and teaches them to live godly and soberly in this evil
 present World, and to deny ungodliness, unrighteousness, and
 and the lusts of the World; and the Spirit of God is given to every
 man to profit withal; and the Lord gave his good Spirit (*Neb. 9.*)
 to people, yet they rebelled against it, and so they quenched the
 Spirit, and vexed it, and grieved it by yielding to the evil spirit and
 its work, so his Servants they are whom they do obey; and Christ
 is the true Light who enlightens every man that comes into the
 World; one loves the Light, and the other hates it, and he hates it
 because his deeds are evil, and will not come to it, because it re-
 proves him; and this is the condemnation that Light is come into
 the World, and men love Darkness more then the Light, because
 their deeds be evil; and they that love the Light bring their deeds to
 it, that with the Light they may see that their deeds be wrought
 in God; and so as people walks in the Light, as he is in the Light,
 they have fellowship one with another, and the Blood of Christ
 cleanseth them from all sin; and so with the Light they see the Blood,
 and him that cleanseth them. And the Spirit of Truth which leads
 into all Truth is come according to Christs Promise, and this
 Spirit reproves the World of sin, of righteousness and unbelief,
 and of judgment; and God hath poured forth his Spirit upon all
 Flesh, and his Sons and Daughters do prophesie, and young men
 shall see visions, and old men shall dream dreams, and upon his
 Handmaids and Servants he will pour out of his Spirit, and so
 every one shall have something whereby they may have a sense of
 God, the Word being sown upon all grounds: and Christ where
 he speaks of his Talents, speaks of a measure given to every one
 according to his ability. So as it is said in *Hebr. 1.8.* and to the Son
 he saith, Thy Throne, O God, is for ever and ever; a Scepter of
 Righteousness is the Scepter of thy Kingdom: thou hast loved
 Righteousness, and hated Iniquity; wherefore God, even thy God
 hath anointed thee with oyl of gladness above thy Fellows. And
 so [mark] the Fruit of Righteousness is sowed in peace of them
 that make peace; *James 3.* and such as are heirs of this Righteous-
 ness,

who his own self bare our sinne in his body on the Tree, that we being delivered from sin should live in righteousness. By whose stripes you are healed: in his pain, paine, you shall not live in unrighteousness: and so clear through the Righteousness of our God and Saviour Iesus Christ we have obtained the precious Faith, 2 *Pe.* 1. 1. and 1 *John* 3. 20. Every one that doth righteousness is born of God: and 1 *John* 3. 17. he that doth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous. Little children let no man deceive you: and whosoever doth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother, verse 10. 2 *Co.* 5. 15. all that profess themselves Christians ought to be a sweet savour. For we are also God a sweet savour of Christ in them that are saved, and in them that perish. *Eph.* 5. 2. And people ought to walk in love, even as Christ hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an Offering and a Sacrifice of a sweet smelling savour to God. And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the World, 1 *John* 4. 14. And so to the only Wise God our Saviour be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and for ever, Amen, *Jude* vers. 25. and he is able to keep us faultless before the Presence of his Glory with joy. And we being justified by the Blood of Christ, we shall be saved from wrath through him, *Rom.* 5. 9. 10. For when we were Enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son: much more being reconciled we shall be saved by his Life: And the God of our Fathers hath raised up Jesus whom the Jews slew, and hanged on a Tree, him hath God raised up by his right hand, to be a Prince and a Saviour, and who is a Prophet like unto Moses, whom all must heare, and this is my beloved Son heare ye him: and learn of me, saith Christ; and God hath anointed him to preach, to build up the broken-hearted, &c. And so that people should live in all godliness and honesty, and lead a peaceable life, this is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, 1 *Tim.* 2. And wherefore was, and is, there hatred against the true Christians, but because they trusted in the Living God? who is the Saviour of all men, especially of those that believe: and Christ came not to destroy men lives, but to save them, 1 *Tim.* 4. 10. *Hebr.* 7. Christ is able to save to the uttermost all that come unto God by

tion, that Jesus Christ is come into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief. Gal. 3. 23. Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the Law, being made a curse for us, Gal. 3. 13. and Christ hath redeemed us to God by his blood; and so we know that we are not redeemed by comparable things from our vain conversation, but with the precious blood of Christ; therefore people are not to live in their vain conversation; and are redeemed; and therefore people are to redeem the time because the dayes are evil; and be not unwise, but understand what the Will of God is, Col. 3. we are of him in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us Wisdom, and Righteousness, and Sanctification, and Redemption, 1 Cor. 1. 30. and we are justified freely by his Grace, through the Redemption that is in Christ Jesus, Rom. 3. 24. and Christ gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purge us to be a peculiar people unto himself, zealous of good works, and so not that people should live in iniquity and bad works, Col. 1. 20. and God by Christ reconciled all things to himself, to set at peace thorow the blood of his Cross, both of things in Earth and things in Heaven; therefore all people is to mind this reconciliation, Heb. 2. 17. wherefore in all things it became Christ to be made like unto his Brethren, that he might be a mercifull and faithfull High Priest in things pertaining to God, that he might make reconciliation for the sins of the people: so this is not that people should live in their sins and unrighteousness, and ungodliness, to dishonour God: For if you should redeem a man from Turkey, from being a Slave, would it not grieve you for that man to go into Turkey to be a Slave again, after you have paid a great Ransom for him? so Christ redeeming people from sin and iniquity from unrighteousness, which is from the slavery of the Devil, by his blood, and Death, and Offering, and this is Gods Love to Mankind thorow Christ Jesus: and doth he redeem from iniquity, ungodliness, sin and evil, that they should go into it again, and so into slavery? will not this grieve God and Christ? and will he not render vengeance in flames of fire upon all them that do not obey the Gospel of Christ? and what will become of them that holds Truth in their ungodly and unrighteous minds, that is, the

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truths of God, and the truths of Christ, and the truths of the Prophets and Apostles : So, all People, the Scriptures were given forth to be read, believed, and fulfilled, and not to make a trade of, and to keep people always teaching of them, that they may be always paying of them ; and to make merchandize neither of people, nor them ; so it is the Spirit of Truth that must lead you into all Truth of them ; for they were given forth by holy men, as they were moved by the holy Ghost ; and the same holy Ghost must lead you into all Truth of them : and so they are profitable for reproof and for instruction, and for correction, in righteousness : and unto them also that are contentious, and disobey the Truth, but obey unrighteousness, shall be indignation and wrath, tribulation and anguish upon the Souls of every man that doth evil ; upon the *Jews* first, and also upon the *Gentiles* : but glory, honour and peace shall be to every man that doth good ; to the *Jew* first, and also to the *Gentile*.

Postscript.

AND this is to clear us from all those Pamphlets which are spread and scattered up and down among people, that we should deny the God-head, his Eternal Power, or his Offering, or Blood ; or that we should not be bought with a Price ; For is pleased the Father, that in him the Fulness of the God-head should dwell bodily, and the Father, and the Son, and the Spirit, we do own. And so let all them stop their Mouthes, that say the Quakers Principles are bid till now ; for we have manifested our Principles, both in our printed Books ; and would that all People knew our Inside, as they did know our Outside ; and we do know (and also others know it) that we have an esteem of Christ's Sufferings, and Death, and Blood, and the Scriptures of the Prophets and Apostles more than any other people ; for we do know that they were all Sufferers for speaking forth the Scriptures.

George Fox,
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THE END.